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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2005, rejecting claims 1-35 and 67-101 of the above-referenced patent application. The cited references are U.S. Patent Nos. 6,015,714 (Baldarelli et al.), 6,632,609 (Lizardi et al.), 6,175,004 (Ross et al.) and 5,871,918 (Thorp et al.). The following remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

Remarks begin on p. 2 of this paper.